GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the cost escalation due to delay in implementation of several Road Projects consisting of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) There have been delays in implementation of some National Highway projects mainlydue to difficulty in land acquisition, shifting of utilities along the National Highways, and also due to delay in issue of Letter of Credit (LOC) by some States.

(c) Projects for development are now approved only after acquisition of land. Direct payment procedure has been introduced in some States to expedite the payment to the contractors and obviating the need for issue of letter of credit by State Governments. The progress of all National Highways works are being periodically reviewed with the concerned State Govt.Officials to ensure that bottlenecks if any are removed by taking appropriate remedial measures to complete projects as per targets set.